

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENTS

The amendments to the claims submitted above are supported by the specification. Accordingly, no new matter is believed to have been added to the present application by the amendments submitted above.

REMARKS

Claims 86-104 and 106-123 and 125-132 are pending. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Dunston for the helpful and courteous discussions held with their representative on November 3 and 24, 2009. During the discussions, the amendments submitted above were discussed in order to address the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. The following remarks expand on the discussion with the Examiner.

The objection to Claim 116 is believed to be obviated by the amendment submitted above. Accordingly, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

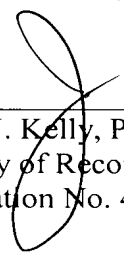
The rejections of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, are believed to be obviated by the amendments submitted above. Claims 103 and 125 now specify an *E. coli* cell. Claim 124 has been canceled.

In view of these amendments, the rejections are believed to be moot. Accordingly, withdrawal of these grounds of rejection is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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